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For: **A METHOD FOR ACCELERATING CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS
ON ELLIPTIC CURVES - being a Continuation of PCT International Application
No. PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4³, insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999, and claims the priority of Canadian Patent Application No. 2,257,008, filed on December 24, 1998, the content of all of which is incorporated herein by reference.--